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the Kulathoor road. (c) Road from the Neyyattinkara bridge to the Chengal road, a distance of 1½ miles, connecting the main road with it. The Government ordered an enquiry for the acquisition of land for the road in 1070, but nothing further had been done. (d) The extension and improvement of the existing pathway from Chengal to Kanjirathu Moodu Kadavu and the establishment of a ferry service at the Kanjirathu Moodu Kadavu. At present the people from Poovar and the neighbourhood had to take a circuitous road to go to the Kaliayakkavila market and other places.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the means of communication for agricultural purposes in Nanjinad.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai. (Member, Agastiswaram taluk) urged the necessity for opening a road from Parakkai to Thamarakulam, the want of which was being complained of by the people for the last 20 years. Though the land had been acquired and the estimates were prepared, the construction had not yet been started. The result was that the land acquired had been encroached upon by the neighbours. He pointed out that the road was a real want and that the work could be done with Rs. 3,000.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Construction of a road or canal at Mararikulam to connect the (sanctioned) Shertallai Alleppey canal with the sea and the backwater.

Mr. Kunju Mikhel Veenamsi (Member, Shertallai taluk) stated that the sea coast on the western side and the lands bordering the backwater on the eastern side were the only inhabited places in the taluk, the interior being a sandy waste. He pointed out that the proposed Alleppey Shertallai canal was to run through this sandy waste and that it would be a great boon to the inhabitants, especially to those on the sea coast, if this canal was connected by branches with the sea and the backwater.

The Member suggested the opening of the following cross canals:—(1) From Aryadu to Katoor chowkey. (2) From Mukama to the sea coast passing near the Mararikulam temple. (3) From Shertallai to the sea coast via Arthenkal.

He referred to the advantages that would accrue if these cross canals be opened. Land in the interior hitherto lying fallow and useless could be thrown open for cocoanut planting by clearing it of punna trees and removing the sand. The trees could be sold by the Government and the sand could be utilized for putting up fresh chiras on the borders of the Vembanad lake. Moreover the misery which the inhabitants suffered on account of diseases such as ague, elephantiasis and leprosy, contracted by walking through the sandy tracts, could greatly be minimised.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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